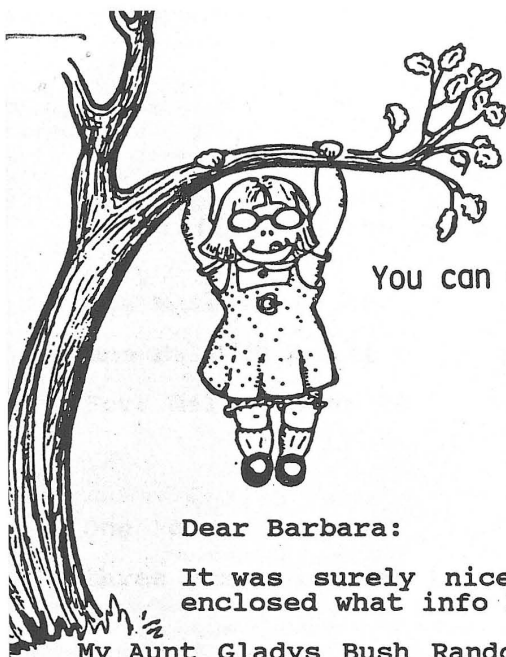


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You can get hung up on a Family Tree.

December 17, 1993

Dear Barbara:

It was surely nice talking with you this evening. I have enclosed what info I have on your direct line.

My Aunt Gladys Bush Randolph says Jessie Wilmer Bush Strickland told her that "Mahala Scott Bush's sister, Elizabeth, lived next door to Harrison and Mahala Scott Bush in the Indian Springs Community. Elizabeth had a daughter, Cynthia Kilgore, who had a baby by Jefferson Jackson Bush, son of Harrison and Mahala. Cynthia never did marry and when her son, James Richard, was 19 years old, Harrison took him to live with them and gave him the name of James Richard Bush and also some land."

The following is an excerpt from a speech given by Madison Prescott Bush before a D.A.R. Meeting on February 17, 1912:

"I came into this country in the year 1849, January. I was 13 years old that spring. We settled by a man named Sam Kilgore, who had come to Mississippi about 1815/1820. He told us that he and his wife, Betsy (Short for Elizabeth), had walked from South Carolina to Jones County by Indian Paths with Betsy carrying their baby, Mat, and he carrying his gun and meager belongings."

Jones County was established January 24, 1826, and formed from the counties of Covington and Wayne. Its boundaries were declared to be "all that part of Covington County lying west of the center of range fourteen, and all that part of Wayne County lying west of range nine." Therefore, you will probably need to look at the Wayne County Census Records prior to 1826.

The U.S. Census of 1830 lists the following individuals in the household of Samuel Kilgore:

Three Males Under 10	(1820-1830)	Son ??? Alfred Kilgore (Born: ca 1827) Peter Kilgore (Born: ca 1830)
One Male 10 To 20	(1810-1820)	M.T.G. Kilgore (Born: ca 1820)
One Male 40 To 60	(1770-1790)	Samuel Kilgore (Born: ca 1785)
Two Females Under 10	(1820-1830)	Elizabeth Kilgore (Born: ca 1826) Sarah Kilgore (Born: ca 1829)
One Female 20 To 40	(1790-1810)	Elizabeth Kilgore (Born: ca 1800)

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The State Census of 1837, Household 94, lists the following individuals in the household of Samuel Kilgore:

One Male 21 To 45	(1792-1816)	Samuel Kilgore (Born: 1785)
One Male 18 To 21	(1816-1819)	M.T.G. Kilgore (Born: 1819)
Four Males Under 18	(After 1819)	Alfred Kilgore (Born: 1827) Peter Kilgore (Born: 1834) Samuel Kilgore (Born: 1839) Son ???
One Female Over 16	(Before 1821)	Elizabeth Born: 1800
Three Females Under 16	(After 1821)	Elizabeth Kilgore (Born: 1826) Cynthia Kilgore (Born: 1832) Sarah Kilgore (Born: 1829)

Total White = 10
15 Acres under cultivation in 1836

The Mississippi State Census of 1841 lists a total of nine (9) individuals in Samuel Kilgore's family.

The U.S. Census of 1850, page 126, Household #153, lists the following individuals in the household of Samuel Kilgore:

Samuel Kilgore	65	Male	Farmer	Born: South Carolina (1785)
Elizabeth Kilgore	50	Female		Born: Not Known (1800)
Peter Kilgore	20	Male		Born: Mississippi (1830)
Cynthia Kilgore	18	Female		Born: Mississippi (1832)
Samuel Kilgore	9	Male		Born: Mississippi (1841)

The Mississippi State Census of 1853 only lists heads of families and the number of total males and females in the household. M.T.G. Kilgore's household consisted of 1 male and 8 females. Samuel Kilgore was not listed. Evidently Samuel Kilgore died between 1850 and 1853 unless he moved out of Jones County or was missed by the Census takers.

In July, 1855, M.T.G. Kilgore and his wife, Nancy, sold William Hardy Bush, Harrison and Mahala's son, 50 acres on the east side of Tallahoma Creek in the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 2, Township 8, Range 12.

On December 10, 1857, M.T.G. Kilgore and his wife, Nancy, sold Madison P. Bush, Harrison and Mahala's son, the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 25, Township 9, Range 12 West.

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On October 27, 1859, a Nancy and Elizabeth Kilgore were received into Indian Springs Baptist Church. Source: Church Minutes. These girls are probably M.T.G. and Nancy Kilgore's children.

On May 4, 1861, a Samuel Kilgore joined Company K, Ellisville Invincibles, Eighth Regiment, Infantry, and was killed in action on March 21, 1864.

In May, 1862, Peter Kilgore joined Company C, Jones County Rebels, Seventh Battalion-Infantry.

In July, 1872, Cynthia Kilgore was received into the Church for Restoration. She would have been 40 years old in 1872 if this is James Richard Bush's Mother.

Correspondence from Catherine Phillips Walters says that "she had always been told that her great grandfather was the father of the boy born to Cynthia Kilgore." Catherine is the granddaughter of James Hartley Bush, son of Jefferson Jackson Bush. I have no idea whether or not Catherine is still living for she would now be 73 years old; but the address I have for her is: Route 5, Box 149, Laurel, Ms, 39440. Telephone: (601) 763-7892.

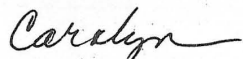
My original book, The Bush Family As Descended From Richard and Mary Prescott Bush, contains over 600 pages and traces our family from 1655 to 1987. This one volume has now grown into twelve volumes with a direct descendant from each of Harrison's children helping with their particular volume. Doc and Jean Grave, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, and Helen McKnight, Fairhope, Alabama, help me with the twelfth volume, which is a compilation of all descendants, except Harrison, of Prescott Bush, Sr.

The original book costs \$35.00 plus postage (UPS, Overnight, or regular mail whichever your prefer) prepaid. I hate to ask for payment up front but there have been a lot of problems collecting the money, which barely covers cost of printing.

It won't hurt my feelings one bit if you had rather correspond with each until you find the definite connection although these days my response is sometimes slow. The choice is yours.

I will add your name to the official Bush Family Association list so that you can be kept informed about all activities.

Sincerely yours,



Your distant cuz,

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Dear Cousin Barbara,


Thank you for your letter of 1 January. We had a great Christmas. But, it was tough going back to work after 10 days off.

I am enclosing a brief outline of the Kilgore and Jack/Jacques families. I have a lot more data on the Kilgores, with most of the siblings at each generation, but I have not put all of them in the computer. I started entering Bush data after I wrote you last, and I am still not finished. Both Harrison Bush's father, Prescott, and Benjamin Kilgore were in the Revolution, but since the SAR and DAR require lines from legitimate births, only, we don't qualify on these lines. The Jacques family were French Huguenots, who fled to Holland, then Scotland, Ireland and on to the Colonies.

Yes, James Richard Bush was born James Richard Kilgore and still had that name in the 1870 Census, when he was 15. According to one of Jefferson Jackson Bush's granddaughters, who still lives in Ellisville, Cynthia was banished from the church that the Bush and Kilgore families attended when she got pregnant and would not name the father of the child. She went to live with her sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and John W. Walters. Sometime in the 1870's Harrison legally recognized his grandson, James R, and Jefferson admitted in church to fathering the boy. Cynthia was then readmitted to the church. By 1880, Harrison was dead and James R. Bush was living on his new land adjacent to his grandmother, Mahala Bush. I have no record of this, but my cousin said that the church records substantiate it all. If you have some written record, I would love to have a copy. Cynthia never Married and lived with her only son through the 1900 Census.

Write again, anytime.

Your Bush & Pilgrim Cousin,


Rod Bush